in accordance with income tax amendment order with effect from 1-4-1989. Indian Airlines has stated that the exemption from payment of tax on these allowances had been given by Central Board of Director Taxes (CBDT) vide its various circulars issued during 1974 to 1977. The matter has been taken up by Indian Airlines with the tax authorities for issue of suitable clarification.

Damage by Air India's man in Germany

23. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to the news report which appeared in the Economic Times of the 15th November, 1993, under the caption "Air India's man in Germany does the damage";

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what is Government's reaction thereto ;

(c) whether any disciplinary action has been initiated against the outgoing Manager of Air India's German operation for his reported acts of indiscipline that caused damage to the reputation of the national airline ; if not, the reasons thereof ; and

(d) the details of the measures taken to prevent recurrence of such incidents in other places ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On 20-5-1993, Air India issued an order transferring its Manager at Frankfurt to Muscat in Oman. He took recourse to various dilatory tactics and eventually handed over charge to his successor on 10-11-93.

(c) and (d) A Show Cause Notice has been served on the officer asking for his explanation, receipt of which is awaited. This misdeamnour on the part of the officer was an unusual case. Air India management would deal with such cases firmly in accordance with service regulations.

Merger of International Airports Authority and National Airports Authority

24. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to merge the International Airports Authority and the National Airports Authority in the near future and a Bill to this effect has been introduced in the Parliament ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that International Airports Authority is earning profits whereas National Airports Authority is incurring losses since its inception which causes apprehensions that the earnings of International Airports Authority will be consumed by the National Airports Authority which will be detrimental to the progress of airports in the Country ;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(e) whether Government propose to drop the idea of merging these two Authorities ; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) A Bill has been introduced in the Parliament on 23-8-1993 for merger of International Airport Authority of India (IAAI) and National Airports Authority (NAA).

(c) to (f) International Airports Authority of India has been consistently making profits. The details of profits/loss of NAA since its inception are as under :—

Year	Profit/Loss (+) (—) (Rs. in crores)
1986-87	(—) 13.86
1987-88	(—) 16.51
1988-89	(—) 16.13
1989-90	(—) 2.96
1990-91	(—) 23.19
1991-92 (Provisional)	(+) 17.72
1992-93 (Provisional)	(+) 11.76
1993-94 (Budget Estima	(+) 17.33